Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1825.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Tuesday, the 13th of September, A. L. 5825.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. PAUL DEAN,	Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand King.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. and Comp. JAMES SABINE,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" JONATHAN JEWETT,	
" JOSEPH T. PIKE,	
" RICHARD HUNNEWELL,	Grand Inside Sentinel.
" SAMUEL CUTTER,	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. HENRY FOWLE,	E. GILMAN WHITE,
" HENRY PURKETT,	" WILLIAM WOART,
" DANIEL BAXTER,	" NATHANIEL KNAPP,
" JONATHAN GAGE,	" DUDLEY A. TYNG,
" JOSHUA GREENLEAF,	" JAMES MORSE,

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Morning Star, St. Paul's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters were admitted by vote.

The records of the last meetings were read and approved.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and accepted.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report to the M.E. Grand Chapter, that they have attended the duty assigned them in examining the accounts and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct and properly avouched. The Grand Treasurer debits himself in the following sums, viz:

Balance last year,	$364 02
Also the sums from the several Chapters, as follows, viz:	
St. Andrew's,	65 00
St. Paul's,	102 00
Washington,	42 00
Mount Zion,	24 00
Rising Sun,	82 50
King Cyrus,	30 00
St. John's,	20 00
King Solomon's,	14 00
Franklin,	39 00
Mount Lebanon, for dispensation,	110 00
Brookfield, " "	110 00
Northampton, " "	110 00
Morning Star, for fees,	50 25
Adoniram, "	27 00
Thomas, "	15 00
For parchment diplomas,	11 00
Making a total of	$1287 77

The Grand Treasurer credits himself with cash paid, according to his account herewith presented,	$784 46
Leaving a balance in his hands, which is carried to new account, of	503 31
	$1287 77

The Committee also respectfully report, that returns have been received and the accounts settled with all the Chapters under this jurisdiction up to September, 5824, with the exception of King Hiram's at Greenwich. The Committee are well satisfied with the correct manner in which the official business of these departments have been performed.

The Grand Treasurer declines, as usual, receiving any compensation, and is entitled to the thanks of this Grand Chapter. The duties of the Grand Secretary have been rather more arduous than usual the last year; they would recommend, therefore, that he be allowed and paid for his services sixty dollars from the treasury of the Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, HENRY FOWLE, ROBERT LASH, ENOCH HOBART, } *Committee of Finance.*

Boston, Sept. 9, 1825.

The following report was read and accepted.

The Committee appointed on the subject of right of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to the use of the Masonic Hall, report, that the subject has been attended to; and at a meeting of the representatives of the several Masonic institutions, interested in the Hall, it was agreed, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter should be entitled to the prior and exclusive right to the use of the Hall on the several days on which their meetings are by the existing Regulations appointed to be held.

All which is submitted by

AUGUSTUS PEABODY.

Boston, Sept. 9, 1825.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, with full powers to decide all controversies and difficulties existing among the members of the Rising Sun Chapter, with authority to return the charter and regalia to the officers and members of said Chapter, or to retain and return the same to the Grand Chapter, ask leave to report, that in the month of July last, pursuant to previous notice, they repaired to Nantucket and summoned all the former members of the Rising Sun Chapter to appear before them, and collectively and individually to make known their grievances and complaints. The summons was cheerfully obeyed, and a long and patient investigation was had. The companions of that Chapter demeaned themselves with frankness and forbearance which was creditable to those who had long been in the attitude of hostility towards each other.

The Committee found the complaints and discontents numerous, but none of them founded on very important grounds. It was found that unfriendly feelings had arisen among individuals, which by incautious remarks, misconstructions of each other's motives, and perhaps a rivalship between candidates for office, had risen to personal animosity. The frailties of individuals had been strongly arrayed by their opponents. And some who had many good qualities, tarnished by some unhappy faults, but who on the whole stood well in public estimation, had been accused, as unworthy of membership. And from such causes, their meetings became unharmonious and unprofitable, and the result was the return of their charter.

After a full hearing, the Committee were convinced that a proper restraint of feeling and exercise of charity and discretion, would restore harmony to the Chapter. We were satisfied that no decision of the Grand Chapter would be productive of good. They were exhorted to mutual forgiveness. Time had softened their animosity, and when they had met and explained, they appeared to adopt the opinions of the Committee.

The result was, that all the members present agreed to request a return of the charter to all the members of Rising Sun Royal

Arch Chapter; and they promised, if it should be returned, to support it on Masonic principles. Upon this the Committee restored to them the charter and regalia.

As the controversy is thus terminated, it appears inexpedient to detail the various accusations and complaints. We lament that difficulties of such a character among Royal Arch Masons should ever exist, or if they must sometimes exist, that they should not immediately be corrected by those among whom they had their origin. The termination of the difficulties in Rising Sun Royal Arch Chapter, we believe is the wisest and best that could be; and it will probably be long before the Grand Chapter will hear any similar complaints from Nantucket.

Signed, PAUL DEAN, AUGUSTUS PEABODY, } *Committee.*

Boston, Sept. 9, 1825.

The above report was accepted, and, on motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the M.E. Paul Dean and Augustus Peabody, for their very arduous and successful exertions in healing the breaches and settling the controversies which have unhappily existed among the companions of Rising Sun Chapter at Nantucket.

The Grand High Priest reported, that during the recess of the Grand Chapter, he had granted a dispensation to the petitioners for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Northampton, by the name of Northampton Chapter, bearing date June 23d, which expires this day. Whereupon it was *Voted*, That the dispensation granted Northampton Chapter be extended to the term of one year from the date thereof.

On motion, *Voted*, That E. Comps. Daniel L. Gibbens, Abraham A. Dame, and John R. Bradford, be a Committee to communicate with King Hiram's Royal Arch Chapter at

Greenwich, and inquire why they have not paid their dues to this Grand Chapter, and report.

The Grand Chapter then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of electing their officers for the ensuing year,—E. Comp. Joshua Greenleaf in the chair.

E. Comps. Enoch Hobart, John R. Bradford, and John Andrews, Jr., were appointed a Committee to collect, assort, count and declare the votes.

The votes being taken for Grand High Priest,—M.E. and Rev. Comp. PAUL DEAN of Boston, was declared unanimously re-elected to that office for the ensuing year.

E. Comps. White, Purkett, and Gage, were appointed a Committee to inform him of his election and request his acceptance; who having attended the duty, reported, that he accepted the trust reposed in him, and he was introduced in the usual form.

The remaining elective officers were then ballotted for, and the following companions were unanimously re-elected, viz:

E. Comp.	DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand King.
" "	JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Scribe.
" "	ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" "	SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Chairman of the Committee of the whole, and the Committee for collecting and declaring the votes.

The following appointments were then made and announced by the Grand Marshal, by direction of the Grand High Priest.

E. Augustus Peabody,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" Henry Fowle, " Elijah Atherton,	Grand Lecturers.
Rev. James Sabine, " Benjamin Huntoon, " Sebastian Streeter,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. Michael Roulstone,	Grand Marshal.
" Daniel Baxter, Jr., " Jonathan Jewett, " Joseph T. Pike, " Moses Merrill,	Grand Stewards.
" Stephen S. Hodge, " Josiah Baldwin,	Grand Tylers.
" Henry Fowle, " Robert Lash, " John R. Bradford,	Committee of Finance.
" Michael Roulstone, " Samuel Howe, " Simon W. Robinson,	Committee of Charity.

Comp. Bailey Bartlett was installed as proxy for Comp. Moses Merrill.

On motion, *Voted*, That the sum of sixty dollars be appropriated for charitable purposes the ensuing year.

Moved, that the 13th article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter be so amended, as to require of all the Chapters under its jurisdiction a unanimous vote in favor of the admission of every candidate for the degrees and for membership.

Voted, To refer the above to the Committee who revised the Constitution.

Voted, That said Committee be also instructed to take into consideration the subject of Chapters taking notes of hand of candidates, in payment of fees or parts of fees, for the degrees.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

At a Special Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held in the town of Brookfield, on Wednesday, the 19th of October, A. L. 5825.

PRESENT:

M.E. Paul Dean,	Grand High Priest.
E. Daniel L. Gibbens,	Dep. Gr. High Priest, *p. t.*
" Horatio M. Willis,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Samuel Osgood,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Samuel Howe,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
Comp. Benjamin Huntoon,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
" Samuel B. Thomas,	Gr. R. A. Captain, *pro tem.*
" Jonathan Brown,	Gr. Capt. of Host, *pro tem.*
" Preston French,	Gr. Princ. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" Luke Eastman, " Joel Newell, " Abel Stannard,	Gr. Masters of Vails, *p. t.*
" Jonathan Jewett,	Grand Steward.
" John Stone,	Grand Steward, *pro tem.*

Comp. DAVID COOK, . . " " "
" DANIEL PURRINGTON, . " " "
" MOSES THOMAS, . . Bearer of Great Lights, *p. t.*
" FRANCIS CLARK, . . Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the following commission and report thereon was read, viz:

To E. Comps. DANIEL L. GIBBENS and BENJAMIN HUNTOON:

Agreeable to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, I hereby appoint you a Committee to repair to Brookfield, and there, in open Chapter, to examine their by-laws, records, and mode of work, and their proficiencies in the several degrees conferred in Brookfield Chapter, and make report of your doings to me, on or before the 19th inst.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this 18th day of October, A. L. 5825.

Signed, PAUL DEAN,
Grand High Priest.

M.E. and Rev. PAUL DEAN, *Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:*

Your Committee appointed to examine Brookfield Chapter, in regard to their by-laws, records and internal regulations, mode of work, &c., beg leave to offer the following report: We find the by-laws in conformity to the Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth, the records fairly and carefully kept, the officers well skilled in the work, and we cheerfully recommend the Chapter for consecration, and the officers for installation, agreeably to the purpose for which we have this day assembled.

Signed, DANIEL L. GIBBENS, } *Committee.*
BENJAMIN HUNTOON, }

Brookfield, October 19, 5825.

On motion, *Voted*, That the above report be accepted.

A procession was then formed, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the meeting house, where an appropriate sermon was delivered on the occasion, by the Rev. Comp. Samuel Osgood of Springfield.

Brookfield Chapter was then consecrated in an affectionate and solemn manner, and the following companions were installed in ancient form by their corresponding Grand Officers.

E. JOHN HOMANS, . . High Priest.
" HARVEY SESSIONS, . . King.
" EBENEZER KNIGHT, . . Scribe.
Rev. Comp. JOHN CHASE, . . Chaplain.
Comp. AARON KIMBALL, . . Treasurer.
" HEMAN STEBBINS, . . Secretary.
" JAMES WILLIAMS, . . Royal Arch Captain.
" OTIS HAVEN, . . . Captain of Host.
" EBENEZER PERRY, . . Principal Sojourner.
" EBENEZER TARBELL, }
" EBENEZER WILLIAMS, } Masters of Vails.
" JEREMIAH MELLEN, }
" PAUL DRAPER, } . Stewards.
" SAMUEL STEVENS, }
" DAVID MATTHEWS, . Tyler.

A procession was then formed and the Grand Chapter escorted to their room, and closed in ancient form.

A true record from minutes of Comp. Benjamin Huntoon.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 13, A. L. 5825.

PRESENT:

M.E. PAUL DEAN, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY, .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS, .	Grand King.
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, .	Grand Marshal.
" JONATHAN JEWETT, " MOSES MERRILL, .	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. JOSHUA GREENLEAF, E. HENRY PURKETT.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, King Hiram's, Adoniram, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Worcester, Mount Lebanon, and Brookfield.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Comps. Albigence Marsh and Amos Cobb, offered excuses for not appearing with their jewels, which was accepted.

On reading the proxies it was found that several had omitted the name of their Chapter and the title of their officers, whereupon it was *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to affix the same.

The Committee on King Hiram's Royal Arch Chapter reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The following report was read:

The Committee on the subject of the by-laws, who were charged to make such alterations in them as to require of all the Chapters under this jurisdiction a unanimous vote in favor of every candidate for the degrees, and for membership, have attended to the duty with which they were charged, and report,—that at the end of the 13th article, there be added, "and that no candidate shall be received or admitted to the degrees without a unanimous vote in his favor." And at the end of the 18th article there be added, "nor without a unanimous vote in his favor."

The same Committee who were ordered to take into consideration, the subject of taking notes of hand of candidates in payment of fees or parts of fees, for the degrees,—report, that in their opinion, no such notes should be taken, and the taking of such notes of hand is inconsistent with the spirit of the institution. If meritorious candidates should be presented who are unable to pay the regular fees for the degrees, their advancement should be deferred till some friend will furnish them with the fees required, and that no one should be admitted, whose reception should be a charge on the scanty funds so requisite for the sacred charities due from the Chapters. The Committee therefore recommend that an addition be made to the 12th article of the by-laws, as follows:

"And no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for the fees, or any part of the fees due on the exaltation or advancement of any candidate."

Signed, THOMAS TOLMAN, ABRAHAM A. DAME, AUGUSTUS PEABODY, } *Committee.*

Boston, Dec. 13, 5825.

The reported revision of the Constitution was then taken up and considered by sections, when after full deliberation

and the adoption of several amendments offered, was accepted as amended.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Augustus Peabody, A. A. Dame, and Thomas Tolman, be a Committtee to get the Constitution printed, and that each member of the Grand Chapter be furnished with one copy, each Subordinate Chapter with six copies, and also that said Committee have printed, such charges for the installation of officers, as they may think proper to accompany the same.

Reports of conventions of High Priests, stating they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Enoch Hobart, High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter, and M.E. John Homans, High Priest of Brookfield Chapter, were read and ordered to be placed on file.

The Grand High Priest read a communication from sundry companions of the District of Columbia, giving notice of their having formed themselves into a Grand Chapter, with the names of their officers and the impression of their seal, &c., whereupon it was *Voted*, That a respectful answer be returned to said Grand Chapter, and a copy of the same, together with the above communication, be placed on file.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION.

At a Regular Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, June 13th, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand King.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr., " JONATHAN JEWETT,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Past Officer.—E. ROBERT LASH.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. John's, Washington, King Hiram's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Worcester, and Brookfield.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Comps. Jonas L. Sibley, Thomas Tolman, and Pliny Merrick, offered excuses for not appearing with their jewels, which were accepted.

The Committee on King Hiram's Chapter reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The following report was read.

In Grand Chapter, June 13. A. L. 5826.

The Committee appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Chapter to procure the printing of the revised Regulations of the Grand Chapter, have attended the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report, that they have caused 300 copies of said Regulations to be printed, and have placed them in the hands of the Grand Secretary for the disposal of the Grand Chapter.

AUGUSTUS PEABODY, per order.

A petition from sundry companions at Sutton and vicinity, for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in said town, was read, and on motion, committed to E. Comps. Augustus Peabody, Daniel L. Gibbens, and Robert Lash, to report thereon at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported that during the recess of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest had granted letters of dispensation for a new Chapter at Concord, by the name of Concord Chapter, dated March 25; also, for one at Lowell by the name of Mount Horeb Chapter, dated April 8; and also, one at Marblehead, by the name of St. Luke's Chapter, dated June 1; whereupon it was *Voted* to confirm the same and extend said dispensations to one year from their respective dates.

On motion, *Voted*, That the warrant or dispensation granted to Northampton Chapter at Northampton, be extended to the September Communication of this Grand Chapter, it being presumed that some accidental circumstances have prevented the attendance of the proper officers of said Chapter at the present Communication of this Grand Chapter. Abraham A. Dame was chosen a Commmittee to communicate to said Chapter the doings of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Michael Roulstone, John R. Bradford, and John J. Loring, be a Committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter at their annual Communication in September next.

Comp. Charles Russell of Thomas Chapter, gave notice that at the annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, he should move that the 14th article of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words thirty-one dollars, being the fees for the admission of candidates, and insert in lieu thereof twenty-five dollars.

A communication from Adoniram Chapter was read, stating that the application of Bro. Asa M. Adams of Norton, for the degree of Royal Arch Mason, was rejected by said Chapter.

Reports of conventions of High Priests, stating they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Comps. James W. Crossman of Adoniram Chapter, Amos Cobb of Mount Lebanon Chapter, John G. Davis of Thomas Chapter, and Simon W. Robinson of St. Paul's Chapter, were read, and ordered to be placed on file.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter at Northampton, on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

M.E. PAUL DEAN, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, .	Dep. Gr. High Priest, *p. t.*
" ROSWELL LEE, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" S. NEWBURY, . . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
Comp. J. HAWKINS, . . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" H. BREWER, . . .	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Rev. Comp. TITUS STRONG, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, .	Grand Marshal.
" C. SHATTUCK, . . .	Gr. R. A. Captain, *pro tem.*
" J. B. KIRKHAM, . .	Gr. Capt. of Host, *pro tem.*
" O. DICKINSON, . .	Gr. Princ. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" C. BALL, " C. STEARNS, " M. GOODELL, . .	Gr. Masters of Vails, *p. t.*
" JONATHAN JEWETT, .	Grand Steward.
" A. NETTLETON, . .	Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
" S. REYNOLDS, . . .	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient form, and the following commission and report were read.

BOSTON, August 1, 1826.

E. Comp. EDWARD A. RAYMOND:

Having fixed on Wednesday, the 9th inst. for the public consecration of Northampton Royal Arch Chapter, and the installation of its officers, I do hereby appoint you a Committee to repair to Northampton, at some convenient time, and in open Chapter, to examine the officers as to their qualifications, their mode of work, by-laws, and records, and make report to me, on or before the said

9th inst., of the result of your examination; for doing all which, this is your authority.

PAUL DEAN,
Grand High Priest.

NORTHAMPTON, August 9, 1826.

M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

Your Committee appointed to visit Northampton Chapter, have attended to that duty and ask leave to report, that the by-laws of said Chapter are in conformity with the Grand and General Grand Constitutions, their records fairly and properly kept, the principal officers and many of the members are well skilled in the Masonic art, familiar with the lectures and highly qualified to govern and conduct the affairs of a Chapter, and disposed to conform in all respects to the Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND, *Committee.*

A grand procession was then formed and proceeded to the meeting house, where an appropriate address was delivered by Rev. Comp. Titus Strong, after which Northampton Chapter was solemnly consecrated, and the following officers installed by their corresponding Grand Officers.

M.E. ISAAC C. BATES, . .	High Priest.
E. NELSON PALMER, . .	King.
" J. R. GOODNOUGH, . .	Scribe.
Comp. JOSIAH WHITE, . .	Treasurer.
" LEVI LYMAN, . .	Secretary.
" MOSES CLARK, . .	Royal Arch Captain.
" JOHN F. JUDD, . .	Captain of Host.
" WILLIAM W. PARTRIDGE,	Principal Sojourner.
" Z. WILDER, " GEORGE SHEPARD, " J. P. STRONG,	Masters of Vails.
" ANSEL WRIGHT, . .	Tyler.

The procession was again formed, and the Grand Chapter escorted to their room, and closed in due form.

A true record from minutes of Comp. H. Brewer.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Concord, on Wednesday, Aug. 16th, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

M.E. PAUL DEAN, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Dep. Gr. High Priest, *p. t.*
" SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" EDWARD A. RAYMOND,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
" and Rev. JAMES SABINE,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" MOSES CLARK, . .	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" JONATHAN JEWETT,	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" JOSEPH FOSTER, .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" JOHN ALLEN, " JOHN HAMMOND, " JOHN NICHOLS,	Gr. Masters of Vails, *p. t.*
" ROBERT KEITH, " RUEL BAKER,	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
" ——— WEATHERBEE,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient form.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to defray the expenses of its delegates, to and from the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at its meeting to be held in the city of New York, on the 14th of September next, and that the drafts of said delegates for fifty dollars each, be paid by the Treasurer.

The following commission and report thereon, were read.

BOSTON, August 11, 1826.

E. Comps. ABRAHAM A. DAME, and DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.:

The 16th inst. being set for the constituting of Concord Royal Arch Chapter and the public installation of its officers, I have appointed you the Committee of examination, required in such cases, and you are hereby requested to repair thence at such time as may be convenient for you and the companions, and in open Chapter to examine the officers thereof as to their qualifications, and also their mode of work, by-laws and records, and make report to me of the result of your doings, on or before the said 16th inst., for the performance of all which, this is your authority.

Your affectionate friend and Companion,

PAUL DEAN,
Grand High Priest.

CONCORD, August 16, 1826.

To M.E. Comp. PAUL DEAN, *Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts:*

The undersigned whom you were pleased to appoint a Committee to examine the qualifications of the officers of Concord Chapter, their mode of work, by-laws, and records, have attended to that duty and respectfully beg leave to report, that they repaired to Concord and met the members of said Concord Chapter in open Chapter, and from an exhibition of their skill are satisfied of the qualifications of their officers, for the discharge of the several duties of their respective stations. Their mode of work is in con-

formity to the Regulations of the Grand Chapter; and a part of a lecture, which was given, shows that the members of said Chapter were well instructed in the ancient mysteries of our Order. Their by-laws were in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the General and State Grand Chapters, and their records exhibited great care and neatness, and were accurately transcribed.

All which is respectfully submitted by

ABRAHAM A. DAME,
DANIEL BAXTER, Jr., } *Committee.*

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the meeting house, where an appropriate address was delivered by M.E. and Rev. Paul Dean. Concord Chapter was then solemnly consecrated in ancient form, and their officers regularly installed by their corresponding Grand Officers, viz:

M.E. WILLIAM WHITING,	High Priest.
E. JOHN KEYES,	King.
" LEMUEL SHATTUCK,	Scribe.
Comp. ABEL MOORE,	Treasurer.
" NAHUM W. WRIGHT,	Secretary.
Rev. Comp. EZRA RIPLEY,	Chaplain.
Comp. SIMON HOSMER,	Royal Arch Captain.
" OBADIAH WRIGHT,	Captain of Host.
" BENJAMIN BALL,	Principal Sojourner.
" EBENEZER WARD, " JAMES FLETCHER, " JONAS W. COLBURN,	Masters of Vails.
" JAMES WEIR, " CYRUS WARREN,	Stewards.
" ELISHA COLBURN,	Tyler.

The Grand Chapter were then escorted to their room, and closed in due form.

A true record from minutes of Comp. Abraham A. Dame.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter at Lowell, on Thursday, the 31st of August, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

M.E. PAUL DEAN,	Grand High Priest.
E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand King.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Scribe.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Rev. Comp. SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" EBENEZER ADAMS,	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" JAMES SABINE,	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" GEORGE HOOKER, " CHENERY NEWELL, " JOSEPH FOSTER,	Gr. Masters of Vails, *p. t.*
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr., " JONATHAN JEWETT,	Grand Stewards.
" GEORGE LEONARD,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, on the subject of dissolution of the General Grand Chapter,

having been read, it was *Voted*, That said communication be referred to the delegation from this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that they have full power and authority to act for and in behalf of this Grand Chapter.

The following communications were read, viz:

To E. Comps. AUGUSTUS PEABODY, and DANIEL L. GIBBENS:

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts will proceed on the 31st inst. to constitute Mount Horeb Chapter, in the town of Lowell, and publicly to install its officers, preparatory to which, the constitution requires they should be examined.

I have therefore appointed you, my companions, a Committee for that purpose, and do hereby request you at some convenient time to meet the members therefore in open Chapter, and to examine their principal officers as to their qualifications, their mode of work, by-laws and records, and make report to me of the result of your examination, on or before the said 31st inst. for which this is your authority.

Most respectfully, PAUL DEAN,
Grand High Priest.

Boston, August 25, A. L. 5826.

LOWELL, August 31, 1826.

To the M.E. PAUL DEAN, *Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts:*

M.E. AND REV. SIR,—In obedience to your commands, we, the undersigned have proceeded to this place, and met the officers and members of Mount Horeb Chapter, in open Chapter, and examined their principal officers as to their qualifications, their mode of work, their by-laws and records. And we have the satisfaction to report to you, that we find their by-laws and mode of work, appear to us to conform to the ancient landmarks and usages of the craft, and to the by-laws of the General Grand Chapter, and to those of the Grand Chapter of Mass. We have also examined the principal officers of Mount Horeb Chapter, and find them skilful and correct in their mode of work, and we have heard from them parts of the lectures on the Royal Arch and Mark Masters degrees, and find them skilful and correct in the lectures, and as such we recommend them to you.

All which is submitted by

AUGUSTUS PEABODY, }
DANIEL L. GIBBENS, } *Committee.*

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the meeting house, where an appropriate address on the principles of Free Masonry was delivered by the Rev. Comp. Charles O. Kimball, after which, Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter was duly consecrated, and the following officers were regularly installed by their corresponding Grand Officers, viz:

M.E. JOSEPH BALCH,*	High Priest.
E. JOSHUA SWAN,	King.
" CHARLES BLOOD,	Scribe.
Comp. ALBIGENCE W. FISHER,	Treasurer.
" BENJAMIN MATHER,	Secretary.
Rev. Comp. CHAS. O. KIMBALL,	Chaplain.
Comp. HENRY S. SMITH,	Royal Arch Captain.
" MAYNARD BRAGG,	Captain of Host.
" RUFUS NICHOLS,	Principal Sojourner.
" LUTHER RICHARDSON,	Masters of Vails.
" JOHN DANE,	
" STEPHEN S. STRAW,	
" NATHANIEL MORRILL,	Stewards.
" RICHMOND JONES,	
" ZEBINA THWING,	Tyler.

*Daniel Balch in written records.

The Grand Chapter were then escorted back to their room, and closed in ample form.

A true record from minutes of E. Comp. Benj. Huntoon.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	*Established previously*	
King Cyrus, Newburyport,	*to the Grand Chapter.*	
St. John's, Groton,	Charter dated	5803
King Solomon's, Charlton,	do.	5805
Washington, Salem,	do.	5811
King Hiram's, Greenwich,	do.	5815
Adoniram, Taunton,	do.	5816
Morning Star, Springfield,	do.	5817
Franklin, Greenfield,	do.	5817
Rising Sun, Nantucket,	do.	5818
St. Paul's, Boston,	do.	5818
Mount Zion, Stoughton,	do.	5820
Thomas, Princeton,	do.	5821
Worcester, Worcester,	do.	5823
Mount Lebanon, Medway,	do.	5824
Brookfield, Brookfield,	do.	5825
Northampton, Northampton,	do.	5825
Concord, Concord,	do.	5826
Mount Horeb, Lowell,	do.	5826
St. Luke's, Marblehead,	do.	5826

Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be directed to Samuel Howe, Grand Secretary, Boston.